

NCC Minutes 12/15/08

Open meeting 7:05 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, L. Hill, D. Mason, R. Konisky, S. Shope. Guests E. Snyder, J. Vienneau, D. Balfour of Jones and Beach

1) Easement monitoring: E. Snyder presenting.

a) Task 1 : Town- Held Conservation Easements- total of 583 acres

- Provided chart summarizing. R. Konisky requested she include the dates the last monitoring report done for each property. A. Watts added that we should complete the task of monumenting the easements.
- Silverstein: The Silversteins did not sign the report but W. Moore signed for the town. Needs to be filed with the town.

b) Task 3: Reviewing all other open space in the town of Newfields. She has not completed a map due to the power outage. Provided charts for each category.

1) Town- Owned conservation land: They are not all designated as conservation land. She suggests we do this as well as name each (i.e. Deertrees parcel is the town forest). There are also very small pieces of "back land". A. Watts will send the information to the Planning Board and C. Mitchell.

2) Non- town owned lands (i.e. owned by Fish and Game, etc.) and Subdivision Open Space (i.e. Deertrees Homeowner's Assoc.)

3) Possible additional Properties not listed by E. Snyder

- R. Konisky found a mention of Dunlin Woods. Area around Meadow Dr. and Hemlock Ct.- may have been developed. E. Snyder says there is lots of confusion in the records which needs to be straightened out.
- D. Mason mentioned 18 acre parcel on Halls Mill Rd. deeded as conservation. E. Snyder will investigate.
- R. Konisky mentioned a Libby park- part of the cemetery?
- Badger park- (monuments) maintained by the town.
- Baker St. parcel near wells. S. Shope thinks we recently gave to water district.
- D. Mason mentioned Partridge Hill but these are individual deed restrictions.

A. Watts suggests we put together a list of parks, cemeteries, etc.. R. Konisky mentioned that there is a major GRANIT update coming up that could be useful. E. Snyder will try to color code the map to designate public vs. private lands, etc..

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2) Vienneau Update: D. Balfour of Jones and Beach presenting

They have made changes to lessen wetlands impacts. The Planning Board did not want the “greenway” so it is back to a full cul-de-sac, but they have moved the cul-de-sac out of the buffer zone and decreased the size to 10 lots including the Vienneau home.

- A. Watts requested he explain the drainage and asked whether there are enough uplands for ponds. D. Balfour replied they are trying to break it up into 5 areas of drainage which will be all gravel wetlands, not dry ponds.

- A. Watts asked about the culverts. D. Balfour replied they will all be 2’x 4’ box culverts.

- R. Konisky asked about the size of the wetland in the middle of the cul-de-sac. D. Balfour replied that it is 39,000 sq. ft..

- A. Watts asked if he knew what D.E.S. thought of the changes and he feels D.E.S. will approve.

- A. Watts feels the design is much improved. Although there is still a lot of wetland impact, they have really made an effort to minimize them. She asked if they would like the NCC to draft a letter to D.E.S.. J. Vienneau requests we send a letter that states that the issues that were raised in our letter to D.E.S. have been addressed. A. Watts will do so once she has a chance to review the changes.

- A. Watts also asked if the storm water drainage was out of the buffer. D. Balfour stated that it is.

- Also, M. West had concerns re: sandy/silty soils. D. Balfour will discuss with him but he feels M. West will be satisfied with the new layouts.

In conclusion, A. Watts states the NCC will write a letter to D.E.S. as requested. S. Shope motions that A. Watts drafts the letter, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.

3) Administrative Business:

- a) Treasurer’s Report: Read by D. Mason, S. Shope motions to approve, all in favor YES.

- b) Minutes 11/17/08: Not available due to power outage.

- c) Bills- No new bills. P. Landry has been paid.

4) Other Business: S. Shope received a letter from F. Lane re: official communications through e-mail.

5) Next meeting: 1/19/09

Adjourn 8:35 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 12/15/08

